

Chief, Intelligence Information Staff

4 February 1959

THRU : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

Chief, Production Equipment Branch, D/I/RR

Communist China Order for Compressors.

Background

Under the Second Five-Year Plan (1958-1962), the production of chemical fertilizers in Communist China is scheduled for a large increase. However, one of the principal bottlenecks is the problem of equipment, particularly in the field of compressors for synthetic ammonia production. To date, Communist China has manufactured compressors for synthetic ammonia production only on an experimental basis, and it is probable that, in order to meet the proposed goals, Communist China will attempt to procure such equipment from the West.

One likely attempt is the recent order placed with the Hydor Machinery Plant in Randerslev, Denmark for 170 compressors valued at 5 million kroner (\$724,000) (Reference: State, Copenhagen, Dep.no 124, 20 Aug 58, p. 3, U.)

Requirements (Uncl.)

1. The following information is desired on the Danish order:
 - a. Types of compressors, giving the capacity and gas or gases to be compressed.
 - b. Additional orders for compressors, giving value, capacity, and gas or gases to be compressed.
 - c. Reason for procuring from Denmark, rather than from Blec or other countries.
2. Similar information is desired on Chinese efforts to procure compressors and other equipment for its chemical industry from other countries.

25X1A9a

Distribution:

Original and 2 - Addressee

25X1A9a 1 - D/I
2 - I/PE

ORR:I/PE/ /adm/3647

(4 February 1959)